GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether that due to increase of two years in retirement age of Government employees, number of unemployed youths have increased alarmingly;

(b) if so, the number of unemployed youths in the country as on October 1, 1997 and October1, 2000;

(c) whether the Union Government had promised to provide 10 million jobs every year;

(d) if so, the number of jobs offered to unemployed youths during each of the last three years, and

(e) if so, the efforts made/proposed to be made to provide jobs to the unemployed youths?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): Even if the increase in employment opportunities for youth in private sector is ignored, an alarming increase in youth unemployment due to postponement of retirement of Central Government employees by two years is ruled out because magnitude of Central Government Employees retirement is of the order of 0.09 million in an average year (for the groups A,B & C, for which retirement age was raised to 60 years in May, 1998), whereas the level of unemployment of youth is around 8 to 9 million.

(c), (d) and (e): Government has set up a `Task Force on Employment Opportunities` with the following terms of reference.

i. To examine the existing employment and unemployment situation in the country,
ii. To suggest strategies of employment generation for achieving the target of providing employment opportunities to 10 crore people over the next 10 years. This implies strategies for providing employment opportunities to one crore people per year on an average.
iii. To consider any other matter related with or incidental to the above terms of reference.

The Task Force is finalising its Report.